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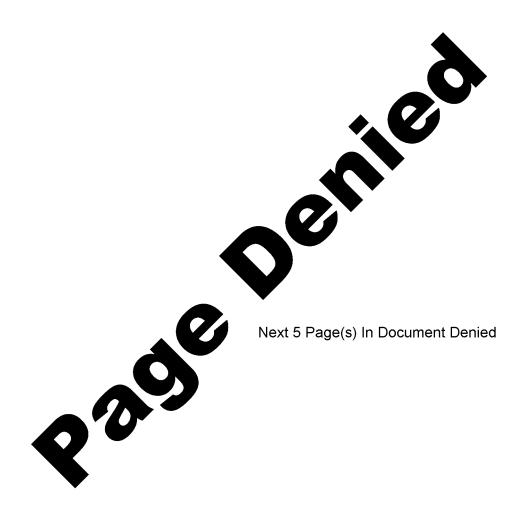
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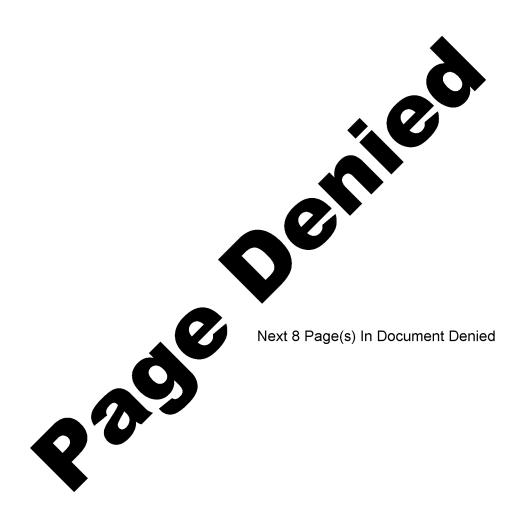
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Party Secretary Andropov's assumption of the for the leadership in a Kremlin ceremony on Thursest indication since his appointment as secretary leading contender in the succession contest.	sday is the strong- y that he is the 25X1
The ceremony was held to award a Ukr all Moscow-based Politburo members except Brezhnev. Moscow radio reported Andropov Ukrainian Central Committee "on behalf of Brezhnev, who did not attend, had receive late May.	President thanked the those awarded " 25X
V Comment: The ceremony was a manufac could have been canceled or delayed if Br	tured event tha
disposed. His absence thus suggests a fu	
of his position.	
Other signs of continuing jockeying	in the leader-
ship indicate Andropov is not yet assured Brezhnev. His chief rival, party Secreta	to succeed
appears to have expanded his responsibili-	ties in recent
months, and the division of responsibilit Secretariat between him and Andropov prob	ies in the 2001
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PAKISTAN-AFGHANISTAN: Talks in Geneva End

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UN intermediary Cordovez claims some progress was made in the indirect talks in Geneva between Afghanistan and Pakistan that ended on Thursday. The Afghans agreed to discuss the withdrawal of Soviet troops and also made a commitment to develop some kind of consultations with the refugees. Neither side, however, would accept a memorandum detailing Cordovez's understanding of the new areas of agreement.

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Comment: The talks seem to have brought a political solution to the Afghanistan problem no closer. The Pakistani position appears unchanged, and the "softening" of the Afghan position commits Kabul to almost nothing. Nonetheless the parties remain open to further contacts, and Cordovez plans to visit Kabul, Islamabad and Tehran later this year.

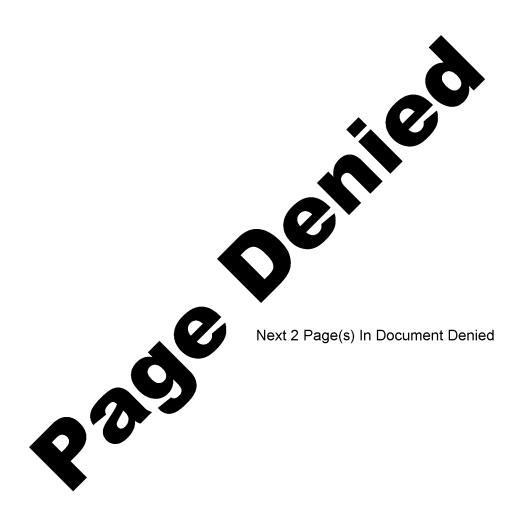
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